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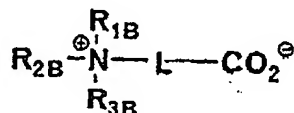
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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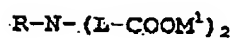
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An inkjet ink set comprising at least two inks, wherein at least one ink contains a betaine compound and at least one other ink contains a nonionic surfactant, and

(A) the betaine compound is a compound represented by one of formulae (5) and (7),



(5)



(7)

wherein M¹ is an alkali metal cation or a hydrogen atom, at least one of R_{1B} to R_{3B}

and L in the formula (5) contains a group

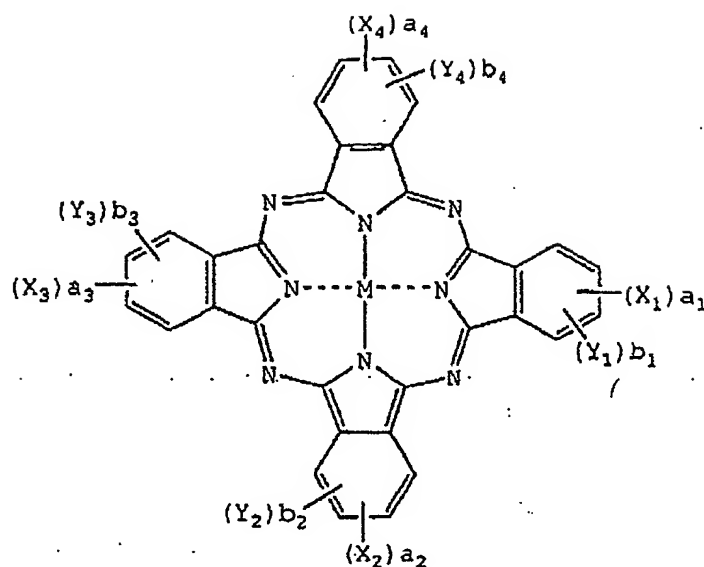
having 8 or more carbon atoms, and at least one of R and L in the formula (7)

contains a group having 8 or more carbon atoms; and

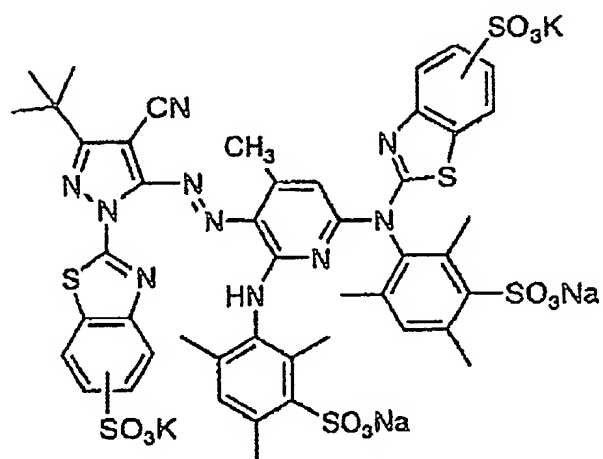
(B) the at least two inks contains a dye represented by one of formulae (CI), (M1), (Y1) and (BK2),

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CI

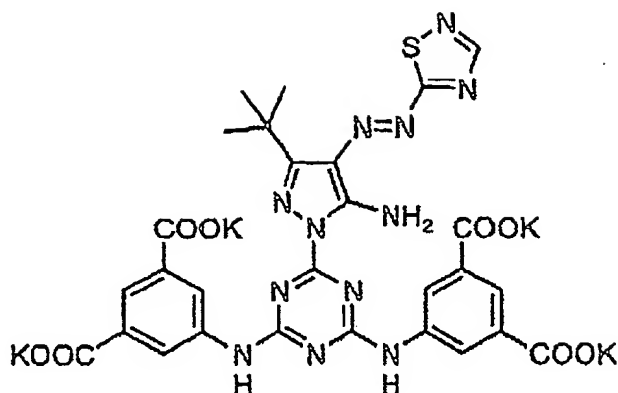


M-1

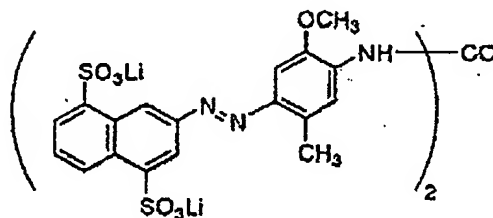


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Y-1



BK-2



wherein Y_1 , Y_2 , Y_3 and Y_4 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group, an aryl group, a heterocyclic group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a nitro group, an amino group, an alkylamino group, an alkoxy group, an aryloxy group, an acylamino group, an arylamino group, a ureido group, a sulfamoylamino group, an alkylthio group, an arylthio group, an alkoxy carbonylamino group, a sulfonamido group, a carbamoyl group, a sulfamoyl group, a sulfonyl group, an alkoxy carbonyl group, a heterocyclic group, an azo group, an acyloxy group, a carbamoyloxy group, a silyloxy group, an aryloxy carbonyl group, an aryloxy carbonylamino

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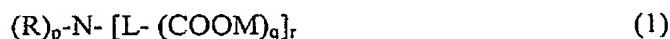
group, an imido group, a heterocyclic thio group, a phosphoryl group, an acyl group, a carboxyl group or a sulfo group, and

wherein X_1 , X_2 , X_3 and X_4 in the formula (CI) each

independently represents $-\text{SO}-Z_c$, $-\text{SO}_2-Z_c$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}_{1c}\text{R}_{2c}$ or $-\text{CONR}_{1c}\text{R}_{2c}$

wherein each Z_c independently represents an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group, an aryl group, or a heterocyclic group; and R_{1c} and R_{2c} each independently represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group, an aryl group, or a heterocyclic group.

2. (original): The inkjet ink set according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the betaine compound is a compound represented by the following formula (1):



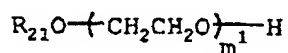
wherein R represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; L represents a di- or more valent linking group; M represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, an ammonium group, a protonated organic amine or nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group or a quaternary ammonium ion group, provided that when $p+r$ is 4, one of Ms is not present; q represents an integer of 1 or more; r represents an integer of 1 to 4; p represents an

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integer of 0 to 4; p+r is 3 or 4 and when p+r is 4, the N atom becomes an ammonium atom; when q is 2 or more, COOMs may be the same or different; when r is 2 or more, L- (COOM)_qs may be the same or different; and when p is 2 or more, Rs may be the same or different.

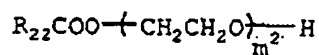
3. (currently amended): The inkjet ink set according to claim 1, wherein the nonionic surfactant is a compound represented by the following formula (2), (3) or (4):

Formula (2):



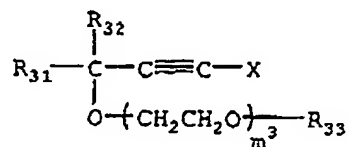
wherein R₂₁ represents an alkyl group having from 5 to 40 carbon atoms and m¹ represents an average addition molar number of ethylene oxide and is a number of 2 to 40;

Formula (3):



wherein R₂₂ represents an alkyl group having from 5 to 40 carbon atoms and m² represents an average addition molar number of ethylene oxide and is a number of 2 to 40;

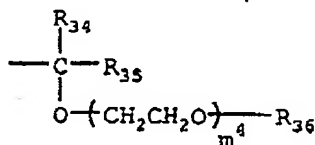
Formula (4):



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wherein R_{31} and R_{32} each independently represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, R_{33} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a phenyl group and X represents a hydrogen atom or



wherein, R_{34} and R_{35} each independently represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, R_{36} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a phenyl group, m^3 and m^4 each independently represents an average addition molar number of ethylene oxide, and m^3+m^4 is from 0 to 100, provided that when m^3 is 0, R_{33} represents a hydrogen atom, when m^4 is 0, R_{36} represents a hydrogen atom, and when X is a hydrogen atom, m^3 is from 1 to 100.

4. (original): The inkjet ink set according to claim 1, wherein at least one ink contains the betaine compound and at least one other ink contains a betaine compound and the nonionic surfactant.

5. (original): The inkjet ink set according to claim 2, wherein at least one ink contains the betaine compound and at least one other ink contains a betaine compound and the nonionic surfactant.

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6. (original): The inkjet ink set according to claim 3, wherein at least one ink contains the betaine compound and at least one other ink contains a betaine compound and the nonionic surfactant.

7. (previously presented): The inkjet ink set according to claim 1, wherein the betaine compound is a compound which has both of a cationic site and an anionic site in its molecule.

8. (previously presented): The inkjet ink set according to claim 7, wherein the cationic site is selected from the group consisting of an aminic nitrogen atom, a nitrogen atom of a heteroaromatic ring, and a phosphoric atom, and the anionic site is selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group, a thio group, a sulfonamido group, a sulfo group, a carboxyl group, an imido group, a phosphate group, and a phosphonate group.

9. (previously presented): The inkjet ink set according to claim 1, wherein the dye has an oxidation potential nobler than 1.0 V (vs. SCE).

10. (previously presented): The inkjet ink set according to claim 1, wherein the dye has at least two heterocyclic groups.

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11. (previously presented): The inkjet ink set according to claim 10, wherein the heterocyclic group is a 5-membered heterocyclic group or a 6-membered heterocyclic group in which hetero atom is at least one of N, O and S.

12. (previously presented): The inkjet ink set according to claim 10, wherein the heterocyclic group contains at least one of pyridine, thiophene, thiazole, benzothiazole, benzoxazole and furan rings.

13. (previously presented): The inkjet ink set according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the inks contains a phthalocyanine dye containing at least one of -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO- and -CO₂-.

14. (previously presented): An inkjet recording method, comprising recording an image in an inkjet printer comprising the inkjet ink set according to claim 1.

15. (previously presented): An inkjet recording method, comprising recording an image in an inkjet printer comprising the inkjet ink set according to claim 2.

16. (previously presented): An inkjet recording method, comprising recording an image in an inkjet printer comprising the inkjet ink set according to claim 3.

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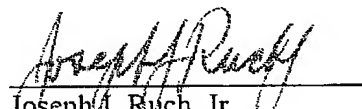
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